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Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Response to the Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we

rejoice and are glad

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

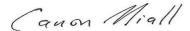
Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection (31/03/2024)

Understanding and receiving the Easter message is somewhat dulled by our knowing the story by heart. The liturgy of lent folding in to the Eastertide is a way of reliving the Resurrection as though it is new to us. We are invited through the Gospel, through the Mass, to re-enact the story in our hearts. Whilst always at risk of dumbing down the story of Easter into a 'nice' story, we are also guarded against doing so by the structure of the liturgical year, in which we live Jesus's birth, life, death and Resurrection each year.

Everyone is faced with struggles in life, some of which may seem insurmountable. The greatest of these is death. Who has not dealt with grief, with the palliative care of a loved one, or facing our own personal mortality in a frightening way? Today is a celebration of God's great love for us, but it is more than that. Through the Easter story, we may rest assured that Jesus has conquered the very greatest struggles of humanity that is death.

Just as the Gospels are a catalogue of the most unexpected events, so our own lives are full of scenarios that we cannot understand. Sometimes, we run from them because they are too great for us. By his Resurrection, Jesus is giving us revived hope in those situations. If he can conquer even death, then what have we to worry, as long as we are doing his will? Whatever is too great for us, is manageable for Jesus. And, just as Jesus sweated blood at the worry and anguish of his forthcoming crucifixion, but still did the Father's will, so we shall receive the love and protection of God as long as we live our lives as Christians. Nothing is too great for God, and today represents a liturgical summit of this wonderful truth. May we use this day and the whole of Eastertide to realign ourselves with Jesus. For it is in Him that we live, and it is through him that we attain the Heavenly Kingdom that is, the resurrection of our won bodies into eternal paradise.

Have a Blessed Week



MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

The **next Baptism preparation course** will be on 6:30pm in the church for Session 2 on Tuesday 9th April at 6:30pm.

An edited version of the talk given at Gidea Park 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil — 'the four nights of salvation'' is now available from the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 25th May. Details soon and coach booking.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the Monday of Holy Week. Adoration will resume on Monday 23rd April.

A big thank you to Louella for overseeing the 40 hours adoration.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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08:00 pm Vigil Mass	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (O'Gorman) and
	Katie's Intentions
Sun 31 March	Easter Sunday of Resurrection of the Lord
08:30 am	Peggy McManus (Rest in Peace) (Nevin Family)
10:00 am	William Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
12noon	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Mon 1 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Frances Juijen (Rest in Peace) (Marina)
06:00 pm	Dino and Esther's Intentions (Armie)
Tue 2 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Anna Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Nestor)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Wed 3 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
06:00 pm	Karen Haley (Rest in Peace) (Mavis)
Thu 4 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
06:00 pm	Karen Haley (Rest in Peace) (Mavis)
Fri 5 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
06:00pm	Pamela Wanliss (Rest in Peace) (Marina)
Sat 6 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Tony Healy (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
06:00 pm	Fr. Michael Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Nestor)
Sun 7 April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
08:30 am	Sawyer Family (Margaret)
10:00 am	Antonina Rioflorido (Rest in Peace) (Vhee)
12noon	Antonio Estanislao Jr. (R. Jose)

The **40 Hours Adoration** has brought many graces ad Blessings to all who participated and their families and the parish Deo Gratias.

To Louella who organised the 40 Hours a big thank you. Perhaps later in the summer we will have another 40 Hours Adoration.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Hung Van Le. Rest in Peace. Our Condolence to Cong and family.

Happy school holidays to all pupils and teachers. A Blessed and Holy Easter to all Parishioners from the clergy.

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Mon 8 April	The Annunciation of the Lord
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Vhee)
06:00 pm	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
Tue 9 April	Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter
09:15am	Farrell Reilly (Rest in Peace) (Whelen)
06:00 pm	Mathew Chacko (Rest in Peace) (Tomy)
Wed 10 April	Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter
09:15 am	Jan and Maria Salamanowicz (Rest in Peace) (Maria)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Liberee)
Thu 11 April	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
09:15 am	Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00 pm	John Dennehy (Rest in Peace) (Pat Moss)
Fri 12 April	Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter
09:15 am	Intentions of the Beamish Family (Margaret)
06:00pm	John Dennehy (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
Sat 13 April	Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am	Intentions of Collin's Family (Margaret)
06:00 pm	Liam Slater (Maria Neville)
Sun 14 April	Third Sunday of Easter
08:30 am	Parishioners
10:00 am	Joan Groarke (Linda and Eunice)
12noon	Deceased of Tetteh and Yamson's Families (Sylvia)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn and family, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy